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U. S. TROOPS UNDER FIRE.

Rioters Fighting a Detachment of Federal Infantry at Hammond.

SOLDIERS ARE SURROUNDED.

Chance that They May Be Slaughtered Before Help Comes from Chicago.

CARS AND A BRIDGE DESTROYED.

Chicago Labor Unions Vote to Call 100,000 Men Out on a Sympathetic Strike.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHICAGO, July 8.—7:30 P. M.—A telephone message from Hammond, Ind., states that a bitter fight is now in progress there between a detachment of the Fifteenth United States Infantry under Capt. Hart and a mob of rioters 2,000 strong.

An urgent request has been made upon Gen. Miles for more troops. Three companies of United States Infantry were sent to Hammond by Gen. Miles late this afternoon.

They had not reached there when the fight which is now in progress was begun.

It is stated over the telephone that unless reinforcements reach him soon Capt. Hart and his men are likely to be exterminated by the rioters.

As near as can be gathered from the disconnected statements of the excited men who telephoned the news, the trouble began at 5:20 o'clock this afternoon.

About that time a portion of the mob which had all day been terrorizing the town found an empty Pullman coach standing upon one of the Monon's sidetracks, just out of town.

The leaders of the mob procured ropes which were thrown over the coach and an effort was being made to upset the car before setting it on fire.

Capt. Hart and a detachment of thirty-five regulars had been patrolling the tracks in a car, and were only a short distance away when they got word of what was going on.

Capt. Hart immediately ordered the car containing his men backed down to where the mob was at work destroying the Pullman coach.

As the regulars came in sight they were greeted with howls of derision by the mob.

Standing upon the platform of his car, Capt. Hart warned the rioters that unless they dispersed he would order his men to open fire upon them.

Even while he was talking a shower of missiles struck the car containing the regulars.

Turning to his men, Capt. Hart gave the order to fire, adding in an aside, "Over their heads."

The order was obeyed. The rioters replied with a volley of stones.

Then Capt. Hart ordered his men to fire again, this time into the mob.

At this volley one of the rioters, Charles Fleischman, of Hammond, fell mortally wounded. He died in a few minutes.

Several others were wounded, but the name of only one could be learned. This one is W. H. Campbell, who claims now that he was not a rioter, but only a spectator. Campbell was shot in the thigh.

A third volley caused the rioters to fall back, and they would probably have dispersed had it not been for a brewery fellow, who jumped out in front and called upon them to make a stand.

"Don't run," he is reported to have said. "They've got guns and we can get guns. Arm yourself and give them shot for shot."

The mob needed no second urging, and rushed to their homes and got their weapons. They then returned and attacked the soldiers, and a furious battle is now raging.

The railroad tracks leading to Hammond are obstructed, and it is feared that the reinforcements will not reach the scene in time to prevent the slaughter of Capt. Hart and his handful of men.

The United States Marshal and most of the deputies refused to protect the soldiers, it is said, and have left the scene.

The soldiers retreated to their car and began firing through the windows on the mob.

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BEGINNING OF THE TROUBLE.

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CHICAGO, July 8, 9 P. M.—Gen. Miles, commanding the United States troops here, has just ordered three companies of regulars from their quarters at the